

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 15 (cancelled).

16. (previously presented) A bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems and a support for non-floral items comprising at least three bendable supporting rods secured at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and including at least one non-floral item secured to one of said supporting rods and supported by said support in said bouquet, wherein said support is integrated within said bouquet and clasped in said bundle of floral stems.

17. (previously presented) The bouquet as set forth in claim 16 wherein said item is a gift item.

18. (previously presented) The bouquet as set forth in claim 16 wherein said supporting rods are made substantially of bright or refined steel wire.

19. (previously presented) The bouquet as set forth in claim 16 wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted.

20. (previously presented) A bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems and a support for non-floral items comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods secured at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and including at least one non-floral item secured to one of said supporting rods and supported by said support in said bouquet, wherein said support is integrated within said bouquet and clasped in said bundle of floral stems, and wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted, and wherein said supporting rod is insertable in two different directions into said fastener.

21. (previously presented) The bouquet as set forth in claim 19 wherein said item is adhered to an adhesive surface area of said fastener.

22. (previously presented) The bouquet as set forth in claim 19 wherein said fastener is made substantially of polyethylene.

23. (previously presented) A method of configuring a bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems as set forth in claim 16 including a non-floral item integrated therein, comprising the following steps:

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a) securing said non-floral item to a support comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and

b) arranging said bouquet of flowers about said support, therein integrating said support within said bouquet and clasping it in said bundle of floral stems.

24. (previously presented) A method of configuring a bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems including a non-floral item integrated therein, comprising the following steps:

a) securing said non-floral item to a support comprising at least three supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and

b) arranging said bouquet of flowers about said support, therein integrating said support within said bouquet and clasping it in said bundle of floral stems, wherein prior to individually bending said support as desired a shiftable ring is shifted to a desired level, resulting in said supporting rods being splayed and subsequently bent to shape from said bundle at the location of said ring.

25. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 23 wherein said support is held in a stand in configuring said floral arrangement.

26. (cancelled).

27. (cancelled).

28. (cancelled).